

Flora of the Malay  
Peninsula

See chief 1800/407

OLD CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT  
THE PUBLICATION OF  
King's "MATERIALS FOR A  
FLORA OF THE MALAY PENINSULA"  
and  
R. H. S. "FLORA OF THE MALAY  
PENINSULA"

Gardens 530

From Whom ....

Place ....

Date ....

S. G.

20. 1. 16

Proposed "Flora of the Malayan Peninsula"  
as to preparation of

Recommends that the work be entrusted to  
Mr. H. B. Ridley, retired Director of Gardens &c.

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

6939/13

Book referred to with me  
H. B. C.

S. G.

Thank you. I shall be obliged if you will  
prepare a draft of a letter from me to Mr. Ridley  
making the offer which you recommend  
H. B. C. M. 23. 1. 16

S.

Draft here with

H. B. C. M. 15. 2. 16



Colonial Secretary's Office

17th September 1916

530/1916

Sir,

With reference to correspondence beginning with  
with Mr. Maxwell's letter of the 24th February, 1916, of  
even number and ending with your letter dated the 1st.  
August last, I am directed to inform you that this Govt.  
will be very glad if you will proceed with the undertaking  
of the preparation of a work enumerating and diagnosing  
all the species of phanerogamous plants known to occur  
in the Malayan Peninsula South of Latitude 7 and in the  
adjacent islands actually belonging to the Straits  
Settlements or Malay Peninsula.

2. Your remuneration will be £750.
3. The work should consist of 3 or 4 volumes of about  
700 pages each, and may be illustrated by line blocks,  
whenever you consider that they are called for to add  
to the clearness of the text. You are authorised to incur  
on behalf of this Govt. any moderate expenditure necessary  
for the preparation of drawings for line blocks.

I have etc

sd. F. S. James

H. N. Ridley Esq., C.M.G., F.R.S.

Cumberland Road

Kew Gardens



Minute paper No. 530  
1911Sheet No. 1

D of C

Mr. Ridley does not consider Prain's Bengal Plants a suitable model.

2. He considers the "Flora" should be illustrated.
3. Mr. Ridley's work would be a condensed "Flora" based on King's "Materials" rather larger than the Ceylon "Flora".
4. He does not understand whether Prain's work is suggested as a model for reasons of compactness or of economy.
5. He recommends lat. 7 as the limit line.
6. He would only wish to draw on the Singapore Herbarium to a very small extent.
7. If economy is the reason for wishing the "Flora" to be kept small, he would prefer to forego the honorarium offered.
8. For favour of your remarks.

Intd. R.C 7-6-16

M.M.M.

G.S.

The Madras Govt. has just adopted Prain's Flora as a model for theirs: but exact imitation is not necessary.

2. On seeing the excellence of the coloured illustrations prepared: you will be struck with the size of the bill for reproducing them.

3. We want a condensed Flora

4. Suggested as a model in compactness:

5. He knows best.

6. Noted

7. Not economy but utility. The book so ~~big~~ that no one buys it is not useful.

Mr. Ridley states that he is devoting his whole time to the Flora. That is a great gain for I was more anxious to set his head in the right direction than anything else.



Minute paper No. *530-100*Sheet No. *2*

Secondly I am still afraid of the book being too cumbersome. He says that he anticipates the size being that of the Ceylon Flora viz:- 2,074 pages of text in 5 vols. plus 100 quarter coloured plates.

You will never touch the planter with that: you will supply the scientific and Forest offices in the Colony and F.M.S. with copies and the scientific Institutions of the world will get copies: and then the distribution ends.

Moreover the Forest Officer will not be able to take such a weight of paper into camp.

Admitting that want of detail may lead to misidentifications-it is necessary to attain the greatest possible compression without misleading. I should

urge it on to Mr. Ridley now, while asking him for an estimate of the number of pages so as to be able to calculate the cost of printing.

Besides Mr. Ridley writes in different ways on different days and what he prepares will gain by the revision it gets in compression.

Having got his estimate of the number of pages, the Colonial Office could consult their authorities for you, or they could be consulted direct as to whether further compression is possible or durable. *Advisable.*

sd. I H. Burkill 14/6/16

C.S.

There is a fund of over £2000 for printing a flora of the Malay Peninsula. Mr. Maxwell asked Mr. Ridley lately Director of Gardens here, to write the work; see (2) Mr. Ridley's reply is (5) Draft letter to Mr. Ridley submitted.

2. There are many papers in connection with this fund but I do not think they affect the present question.

Intd. R.C. 23/6/16

B of 6

Please see action taken

Intd. R.C. 26/6/16

C.S. Noted sd. I. H. Burkill 27/6/16



Minute paper No. 530/16

Sheet No. 3

(2) Letter from Mr. Ridley dated 1.5.16

3 of 6

There is no further obstacle to asking Mr. Ridley definitely to produce the work? details are

(I) Honorarium £750

(II) 3 or 4 vols. of about 700 pages

(III) Limit Line Lat. 7

(IV) Mr. Ridley to draw on the Singapore Herbarium to a small extent.

(V) Work to be illustrated (Coloured drawings have been made)

(VI) \$25,000 odd is available.

2. The method of reproduction of the illustrations would be decided by Mr. Ridley?

Ind. R. C. 3/9/16

C.S.

Drop out (V) illustrations of which there is no mention in Mr. Ridley's last letter, and I see no obstacle to closing with Mr. Ridley

When he has done this big undertaking, he can make recommendations for producing a volume of illustrations, the size of which will depend on the balance available.

I object to the preparation of plates at once because (1) the drawings available are so beautifully done that the cost of reproduction will be enormous. (II) they are not distributed well through the vegetable kingdom, so that many new drawings will be necessary.

I do not object to line blocks in the text - indeed I advocate them.

Sd. I. H. Burkill 5/9/16



D of C

What do you suggest should be said to Mr. Ridley about line blocks?  
They would be made from his own drawings?

Intd. R. C. 5/9/16

C.S.

Mr. Ridley to be asked while preparing the text to employ a n  
Artist or Artists at home for making of line drawings to be printed  
in the text, where he may desire them.

2) to claim re-imbursment of his expenses in this

Line blocks for such a purpose as this have to be prepared by  
specially trained Artist of which there are several in London connecte  
ted with Kew and the British Museum. They do work outside their  
department and Mr. Ridley can arrange everything.

sd. I.H. Burkill 7/9/16

D of C

Do you agree to the draft?

3. Is nothing to be said about a time limit?

Intd. R. C. 9.9.16.

C.S.

I have made 2 suggestions in para 3. The first "may" for "should"  
the second the substitution of what I have appended for the last  
10 words—because the actual blocks are not necessary at present,  
the drawings for them only. The publishers can be left to arrange  
for the preparation of the blocks from the drawings.

2) Mr. Ridley is anxious to do the work, and no time limit is necess  
-ary I think. I anticipate that it will take him 3 years from this  
date at least. He says 3 or 4.

sd. I.H. Burkill 13/9/16

C.S.

Letter closing with Mr. Ridley submitted. It has been agreed to  
by the D of C. Based on (2) herein the letter embodies Mr. Ridley's  
suggestions.

Intd. R. C. 15/6/16



Malayan Journal  
Singapore.  
20 Jan 1906.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you  
regarding the proposed "Flora of the  
Malayan Peninsula" as <sup>it</sup> the time has  
~~been~~ <sup>now</sup> ripe for its preparation.

<sup>The intention to prepare a flora</sup> ~~are aware that following on the~~ <sup>proposal for bagh was first made in 1897 when on</sup>  
~~receipt of a memorandum~~ <sup>from</sup> the  
late Sir Joseph Hooker, the two  
governments - that of the Settlements and  
that of the Federated Malay States -  
allotted funds for the ~~purpose~~ <sup>purpose</sup> which  
funds now lying in the Mercantile  
Bank, Singapore amounting to twenty  
three thousand, six hundred and twenty  
seven dollars, and not two cents; ~~and~~  
~~that although the~~ <sup>proposals for</sup> "Flora" was postponed  
~~in order to~~ as in the opinion of Sir  
Jux King and Sir Joseph Hooker - its intended  
authors - ~~material~~ no more than "Materials"  
towards a Flora could then be drawn up.  
I am now able to tell you that ~~the~~ <sup>part of the</sup> "Materials"  
~~but for material~~ the issue of the <sup>part of the</sup> "Materials"  
(no. 26) is ~~but a matter of a few months~~ <sup>made in a few months</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>bringing to a</sup> closing that part of  
the programme.

The <sup>published</sup> "Materials" run to ~~3420~~ 3450 pages  
and with the last will may be expected to  
extend to 3700. We now can proceed  
to ~~the~~ <sup>of a complete</sup> ~~materials~~ <sup>handbook</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>using</sup> them and other



The materials  
serve the more  
in the study; and  
serve in the  
in the field

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 chain of the  
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 than whenever  
 can anticipate  
 in the scheme  
 and allowing for  
 to look (can  
 of consideration



for the preparation of the materials) there  
~~is~~ is what will enable you to meet  
 the printing bills: ~~at any rate it is~~  
~~enough to justify~~ ~~being~~  
~~made~~ (vide Colonial 1714/402) in which the agreement  
 with regard to the paper shown to me  
 here may I state that there is no  
~~active~~ officer in active ~~employment~~ <sup>service</sup> & where  
 the work could be ~~done~~ <sup>entirely</sup>: but ~~in~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>also</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~I~~  
~~think~~ ~~former~~ ~~of~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~you~~ ~~could~~ ~~find~~ ~~anyone~~  
~~fitter~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~work~~ ~~than~~ ~~the~~ ~~retiree~~  
 Director of Fisheries Mr. H. N. Rids, ~~who~~  
 residing at New York has available the necessary that great establishment. ~~for~~  
 Mr. J. Lamb, ~~where~~ ~~name~~ ~~might~~ ~~be~~ ~~thought~~ ~~of~~ ~~on~~ ~~account~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~  
~~who~~ ~~has~~ ~~any~~ ~~in~~ ~~house~~ ~~done~~ ~~of~~ ~~business~~ ~~work~~  
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~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~engaged~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~  
~~the~~ ~~preparation~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~materials~~  
~~for~~ ~~a~~ ~~short~~ ~~time~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~materials~~  
~~and~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~available~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~work~~  
~~I~~ ~~would~~ ~~therefore~~ ~~be~~ ~~glad~~ ~~to~~ ~~support~~ ~~that~~  
~~the~~ ~~arrangement~~ ~~the~~ ~~man~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~means~~  
~~you~~ ~~that~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~occasion~~ ~~the~~ ~~fund~~  
~~all~~ ~~being~~ ~~the~~ ~~right~~  
~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~author~~ ~~all~~ ~~being~~ ~~in~~ ~~right~~  
~~a~~ ~~contract~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~work~~ ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~made~~  
~~work~~ ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~done~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~author~~  
~~and~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~preparation~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~materials~~  
~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~done~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~author~~  
~~have~~ ~~the~~ ~~author~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~expense~~



for a length of years. It is at present  
wintering out of England: but ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~new~~  
last prevents arrangements being pushed  
forward in the winter.



DRAFT.

Sir,

It is, I believe, well known to you that many years ago the Governments of the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States formed the intention to publish jointly a Handbook of the Flora of the Malay Peninsula, and were prepared to entrust the authorship to Sir George King and Sir Joseph Hooker: but they were advised that the time was not ripe. Upon this decision Sir George King commenced the publication in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal of "Materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula", towards the cost of which the two Governments made a contribution, and they paid all the expenses of bringing out the three volumes written by you: but, without departing from their original ~~intention~~ <sup>purpose</sup>. And now, as the issue of the "Materials" is about to be closed, they believe that the time has come for the preparation of the ~~Handbook~~ Handbook of Flora.

2. When the Handbook was projected, the intention was to prepare it on lines adopted in other colonies, - lines which for Ceylon resulted in Dr. Trimen's "Handbook



of the Flora of <sup>Ceylon</sup> ~~that country~~. However  
it is apparent that these lines were  
not the best possible, for by underestimation  
of the number of plants to be described  
and of the <sup>length</sup> to which the descriptions  
would run, portability, laid down as a  
requirement for the book was lost. It  
is therefore advisable to depart from  
the old plan: and it is ~~here~~ considered  
possible by referring systematically to  
the Materials to condense to the degree  
attained in Sir David Prain's "Bengal  
Plants", except in that it may be desirable  
for the illustration of certain very  
difficult genera to resort to the use  
of small line blocks in the text.

3. I am now instructed to ask you  
if for an honorarium of seven hundred and  
fifty pounds sterling (£750) you will  
prepare on the lines of the "Bengal Plants"  
a work enumerating and diagnosing all  
the species of Phanerogamous plants known  
to occur in the Malayan Peninsula south  
of a line to be discussed.

4. Further, in the event of your  
willingness, would you please be so good  
as to make recommendations upon the ~~one~~  
~~points already referred to~~ the use of  
line-blocks and the geographical limits.



5. Lastly would you please state to what extent you would wish to draw for material on the herbarium in the Botanic Gardens, Singapore, so that the question of the freight of specimens may be entered into, and give a rough estimate both of the size of the work in print and the time required for preparation, so that the ultimate cost of publication may be considered.

I have etc.



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to be used if required.



From Whom .... Under Sec To Govt. F.M.S.

Place .... Kuala Lumpur

Date .... 5/12/1913

Asks for information as to the nature of the reply received from the Bengal society to the Col. Secretary's letter of the 26th July 1901, on the subject of the publication of Sir George King's work on the Materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula.

Former Papers.

# MINUTES.

Final Paper.

## Treasurer

What is the amount now on deposit on account of this work? and how it is made up.

Intd. E.B.M. 2/1/14

C.S.

I regret that this paper has been overlooked.

2. The amount in my hands on this account is \$80-00 on deposit in the Treasury and a fixed deposit receipt of the Mercantile bank for \$21,877-94 on 13-3-13

@ 3½ p.c.

Intd. A.M.P. 4/3/14

D of G

You have sent copies to the F.M.S.? 2607

2. Please say how many copies have been received altogether.

3. For your remarks as to future copies.

Int. H.C. 7/11/16

C.S.

260 copies were sent to Federal Sec F.M.S. on July 6th 1907 (Vide file 3480/1907 out of Mr. Ridley's three volumes of the Materials only.



It would appear that the F.M.S. Govt. is under the impression that Sir George King's part of the materials is on the same footing and that they should receive parts of that. But it is not on the same footing and no parts are available. Probably the whole matter is very little understood by them.

The two important historical papers connected with the Flora are Sir Joseph Hooker's one of 7th sept. 1887 and Mr. Ridley's note in file Gardens 1866/1867. I am glad that this file has come up, for it gives me the opportunity of calling your attention to what appears to demand some action.

In the beginning you promised a bonus of £500 to Sir George King and another of the same amount to Sir Joseph Hooker for a Flora to be elaborated in conjunction.

After starting work it was found that the time was not ripe: and Sir George King commenced a series of preliminary papers in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal under the title of Materials for a Flora. Towards the cost of that you gave a grant in aid, which did not compel the supplying to you of copies, and indeed could not seeing that quite a number of parts had appeared when you gave the grant. The F.M.S. seems to be asking for copies under the idea that it did.

Sir Joseph Hooker backed out of his undertaking to assist in the Flora, which really was all that he could do, as he could not hope to live to see its completion. Sir George King carried on the work steadily until, near his death, he asked that a part of the writing up of the Materials should be made over with complete independence to Mr. Ridley, and at about the same time he associated with himself Mr. Gamble for the completion of what remained.

Mr. Ridley's work was printed at your cost in Singapore and of it the 260 copies were sent to the F.M.S.

Mr. Gamble with the voluntary assistance of various botanists is just finishing his part of the Materials.



The Flora still remains to be prepared from the Materials and I know that Mr. Ridley is at work on it.

I think that the house should forthwith be set in order by determining if any of the past work entitles the workers to anything out of the bonus promised for the Flora. Correspondence with Sir George King which I have not seen would appear to be the place in which a promise might be made: and if such a promise were made Mr. Gamble will have a claim. But he has written to me that he has not even kept account of his out-of-pocket expenses, not expecting reimbursement.

Secondly you should close at once with Mr. Ridley for the preparation of the Flora. It would be unwise to let go the chance of using his unique knowledge, and his health does not promise a length of further years of work.

I understand that Mr. Ridley is preparing his work on the lines of Sir David Prain's Bengal flora; and this will be altogether better than the flora originally proposed.

For the fuller understanding of the case, I send you:-

one volume of text (out of seven) and one of plates of the Flora of Ceylon to show what the original intention of the Flora.

one part (out of 25) of Sir. George King's Materials and one part (out of 3) of Mr. Ridley's Materials to show what had matured the whole of Sir David Prain's Bengal ~~MMMM~~ Plants to show what the completed Flora would be like.

Please return these when done with.

Finally May I point out the impossibility of taking out into the field the 3-4000 pages of the Materials and the fact that it cannot be bought whole, as the cogent reason for a working Flora in the smallest possible compass.

sd. I. H. Burkill 22/11/15



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From Whom ....

Place ....

Date ....

Repayment of Major Gap of  
out-of-pocket expenses.

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

Order to Mr. Faubert that Gardner will meet  
expense of carrying the Librarian material  
Sum of Rs. 110-2-0 to be sent to him for full  
9.1.15. Ans

Send of Bill of Exchange under letter of 12.1.15.  
Ans



propose to make any claim on  
my own behalf. My share of  
the work is practically over  
for I have just completed the  
draft of *Gymnosperms* & after  
a week or two at Kew I  
shall return the last sheet  
of Calcutta or Singapore mate-  
rial. Both King & I have been  
greatly helped by the present  
and former Directors of Kew who  
most kindly allowed the specimens  
we had worked with to go back  
with their consignments, & so saved  
us expense. But this is between  
ourselves.



writes me. I have spent a good  
deal of money on the carrying of  
specimens from Calcutta and  
Singapore to my house & from  
my house to them, also on  
portages & the cost of having  
to make frequent & often rather  
long visits to them for work.  
But I have now recovered -  
being and I have never felt  
inclined to undertake what  
seemed likely to be a long  
correspondence to obtain reconfi-  
dence. Now have I, like Gage,  
kept Voucher to produce.  
Consequently, I do not now



Received. 2.12.14

Nov. 7. 1914

HIGHFIELD,

EAST LISS,

HANTS.

Answered.....

My dear Barkhill

Gage has written to me in reference to correspondence he has had with you about repayment to him of the expenditure he has incurred on the carriage and storage of the Euphorbiaceae etc.

He asks us to represent matters to your Government. He is evidently, and I gather that you also are, unaware that I have never had any correspondence at all with the Straits Govt.



When I took over the 'materials'  
from King I understood that the  
Straits Gov<sup>t</sup> arranged  
with the Asiatic Soc.

of Bengal for the cost of publication  
and I gathered that King himself  
never was rewarded any of ~~his~~ his  
rather heavy personal ~~expense~~ <sup>expense</sup>  
on carriage storage postage etc.  
I know he complained greatly  
about it and I believe his  
feeling was that he was being  
shabbily treated but that he  
was so interested in the work  
and determined to do it that  
he did not propose to make  
any further complaint. So, too,



delayed because owing to the  
ubiquity of manning German  
cruisers; they will hardly  
dare to send us home our  
material to work with. The  
war is terrible - it was so  
unnecessary for the Germans  
to start it - and it will cause  
no end of misery in many parts  
of the world.

With best regards

Yours sincerely

I forgot to mention that I think if J. S. Chamber  
Ridley had chosen he could have  
got both things some out of pocket  
expenses, but I gather that he  
would not help.

B3.12/20

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HIGHFIELD,  
EAST LISS,  
HANTS.

If you think you can  
help in getting your  
Government to refund Gage's expenses,  
I should be very glad and I enclose  
his Voucher herewith. They amount  
to £7.6.10. Gage is now back  
in India.

I am now doing the proofs of Part  
25, chiefly my Car. Fagacea. It  
will take some time as since  
you left Calcutta I have  
no help from anybody and I  
have had to do both galley  
and page proofs. I shall be

B3.12/20-1



glad when it is all over as  
this proof correcting at long  
intervals is very irksome,  
but I shall be sorry to lose  
the interesting occupation of  
doing the descriptions. We  
propose to make Parts 26 & 27  
the Euphorbiaceae & Urticaceae  
(all figs) and then the Legum.  
- sperms & Index to Monocotyled.  
will make Part 28 and the  
End. Old King in the Egyptian

fields will be glad to hear that the  
labour & love that he began has  
been completed!

I have now started on with the  
 flora of the Madras Presidency; on  
the plan of Prain's 'Bengal Plants',  
and I have the help of Dunn  
who has been at work preparing  
the first Part. Dunn is going  
to leave New so I am not yet  
sure if he will continue to  
give his help, if not, I shall  
have to do it all myself  
or get other assistance. But,  
in any case, work will now be



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to be used if required.

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Gardens

(G. 3.)

From Whom ....

Place ....

Date ....

R. of G.

Singapore

20<sup>th</sup> 7. 08

Flora of the Malay Peninsula.

Ask that sum of \$85.72

voted in this year's Estimates for Contribution towards the publication of, may be placed on fixed deposit & the sum be asked to send in their portion of the Contribution.

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

C.S.

This may be done?

11. 7. 08

Treasurer

Is this in order

Ag.  
24<sup>th</sup> July 08

C.S.

yes this may be paid into the Malayan Flora Deposit Acct.

JoA.  
20<sup>th</sup> 7. 08

Ask as proposed

Ag.

17 July 08



Treasurer

Forwarded for Comptroller

A.H.

27.7.

Am. Col. Sec.

Noted

Aug. 17. 08

H.R.

Treasurer

Please see letter

from Fed. Secy. enclosed.

18.8.08

C.S.

Seen. The amount has been recovered from the Ins. Port.

Joia. 20.8.08

A.S.

The amount in the Malayan Hua Resposit. A/c now amounts to £17,856.49 The D. of Gardens might be asked to say how much of this is likely to be required during the next 12 months. The balance if considerable might be placed on Fixed Deposit for a year Joia.

Boys

Please give the information required by the Treasurer

C.S.

The Ins. Port shd be asked to send in their portion of the Contribution.

6.8.08. Joia.

Letter to the Federal Secretary Ins. Port.

7.8.08

And Gen

Boys

To note

7.8.08

C.S.

Noted

W.C.M.

11.8.







# Deseret Malayau Flora

Date	Particulars	Amount	Date	Particulars	Amount
1.1.07	Balance brought forward	277 24	Jan 1 Rec.	Salaries of Artist for 1907	600 .
12 July	Received from Mrs. Fort for loss of printing		7 Dec	Paid M. D. Howe for printing	5.22 70
	The illustrated edition of a Flora of the Malayau Peninsula	813 50		Balance	967 89
	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>2090 84</u>		<u>Dollars</u>	<u>2090 84</u>
1.1.08	Balance brought forward	967 89	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Paid M. D. Howe for printing	215 40
				Balance	752 49
	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>967 89</u>		<u>Dollars</u>	<u>967 89</u>



Minute paper No. ....

Sheet No. ....

Hon. Col. Sec.

The whole can be placed  
in deposit for a year. Now  
will be required yet.

H. H.

CS

Aug. 22 08

Treasurer

To Note

24.8.08

And Sec

To Note

27.8.08

Notes

W. H. M.

for And Sec 27.8.08

CS

The amount was placed  
in Fixed Deposit with the  
Mercantile Bank Yesterday  
for 3, 6, or 12 Mos. Interest at  
3 3/2 & 4 1/2 % respectively

J. H. K. 27.8.08

for Treasurer



Colonial Secretary's Office

Singapore, 7th August 1908

Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 5376/1907 of the 24th August last and previous correspondence, I am directed to inform you that the sum of \$5,572 which was voted by this Government in this year's Estimates for the completion of the work on the Malayan Flora, is being paid with a deposit account, and to request that if the Resident General, sees no objection to such a course, the like amount which it is understood has been voted by the Govt. of F.M.S. may be paid to the Colonial Treasurer who credited to the account.

I have etc

sd. A.H. Lemon

For, Colonial Secretary S.S.

The Federal Secretary

Kuala Lumpur.



Kuala Lumpur

14th August 1908

No. 4141/1908

**S U B J E C T**

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**F.M.S. Contribution towards the work on the Malayan Flora.**

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 4998/1908, dated the 7th August, 1908, I am directed to inform you that the Resident-General proposes to pay the amount of the Federated Malay States Contribution towards the completion of the work on the Malayan Flora to the Colony taking the acknowledgement of the Colonial Treasurer as a final receipt.

I have etc

sd. M.S. McArthur

Ag. Federal Secretary

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary S.S.



Botanic Gardens

Singapore, July 20th 1908

Sir,

I have the honour to ask that the sum of money viz. \$8,572 voted in the Estimates for 1908 on page 136<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Contribution towards the Publication of the Flora of the Malay Peninsula, be placed on fixed deposit in one of the banks together with the balance which now remains with the Treasurer of the previous contribution after paying for the cost of producing the indices of the volume on the Monocotyledons.

2. Also that the Government of the Federated Malay States should be asked to send in their portion of the contribution.

3. These sums should be placed as before under the title of Deposit against Malayan Flora, so that it can be drawn by the Editors of the Publication

I have etc

sd. Henry N. Ridley

Director of Gardens S.S.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary S.S.

Singapore.



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From Whom ...

Resident General

Place ...

Jms

Date ...

9. 12. 09.

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Publication of Materials for the Flora of the  
Malay Peninsula.

Forwards letter from C. of Forests

Regarding: -

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

Director of Gardens.

Can you say to what portion of the published work this refers and also do you know whether a key forms part of the design of the works when completed.

Sd. J.H. L.

14/12.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> C.

It is usual at the beginning of the vol of most Floras to give an introductory Chapter giving among other things such as a brief sketch of the climate, the period of flowering, the geographical range and the relation of the Flora of the particular region with other Floras. Sometimes a synoptical analysis of the Natural orders is given but not always; for instance in the Flora of British India no introduction whatever is given, but the work which is contained in 7 vols, has a copious index.

2. I agree with the Conservator of Forests that



that a Synopsis or Key would  
assist Forest Officers is unnecessary  
Book, but to Systematic Botanists  
they would be of little use. As  
however it is hoped the Flora will  
be used by others than Botanists  
it would be desirable that a  
general introduction similar to  
that prefacing Kurz "Forest  
Flora of British Burma" should be  
included.

Sd W. Fore

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3<sup>rd</sup> December 1909

No 533/09

"King's Flora of the Malay Peninsula"

Sir,

I have the honour to suggest that Sir Geo King who has been and I believe now is engaged up on the work of writing the materials for the Flora of the Malay Peninsula, he asked whether he could supply a key to Natural Orders described. The materials would be of the greatest value to Forest Officers, but unfortunately without a key most of us find great difficulty in working out species with which we are unacquainted:

2. I have spoken to the Director of Agriculture and Government Botanist on this subject and he agrees with me that a key is necessary.

I have etc

S<sup>t</sup> A. M. B. Murdoch  
Com. of For. S. & Ins

The Federal Secretary  
Fms  
Kuala Lumpur.







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From Whom ...	Ag. Director of Gardens		
Place ...	S		
Date ...	18. 9. 07	391 07	(See later book)

Materials for a Flora of the M.P.  
Forward copies of Part III of the  
Monocotyledons

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

C.S.

Distribute in the same manner  
as are distributed the former parts.  
The D. of G may act as he proposes  
in para 4.

Sd A. G. 21. 9. 07

D of G

Please note as to distribution  
Hale, & send one copy for the D. of G.

Sd D. S. for C.S.

21. 9. 07



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to be used if required.

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From Whom ...

Secretary of State

Place ...

Date ...

15<sup>th</sup> August 1907

Publication required for the Colonial Office Library  
(Materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula  
by Sir George King. A.C.S.I.)

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

If the publication is ready please put up the  
copy required.

Sd. A. G. 9-9-07

We have only one complete bound set of these  
materials - the other copies we have being in  
the Journals of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, specimens  
herewith.

Sd. W. S. 10-9-07

W. G. Gardens

Have you any complete sets of Sir Geo King's  
materials?

Sd. R. F. L. 11/9/

Hon. Sec.

We have only our own bound copy. So far  
as I know the only copies of the earlier numbers  
are in possession of Sir Geo King, & presumably only  
a few presentation copies were published separately.  
I am not quite sure, but I think at his own expense

Sd. W. S. 13/9 -



I find we have a couple of sets  
published in the journals of the  
Asiatic Soc. Bengal.  
Vol. V. Part I. 1831.

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January 1st 1880  
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From Whom ...

Director of Gardens

Place ...

Singapore

Date ...

30-5-07

Materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula-Part.I.

Reports receiving copies of-

Asks for instructions as to distribution to:-

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

C. S.

The number of copies to be printed was 450 of each part. This is Part .I. only. If the F.M.S. Govt. contributes half of the cost of printing it should have half the copies.

sd. A.W.L. 31/5/07

(The 200 copies referred to in the correspondence were copies of the work not of the "Material").

We had better wait and see if the F.M.S. pay half the costs of printing, our letter on the subject went to them on the 28th July see I800/07.

Inform the D of G that the whole of these belong to the Govt. he should make out a list of those to whom he proposes to send copies free of cost and then the remainder if the F.M.S. agrees to pay will be divided between the F.M.S. and the Colony and a certain number as he suggests offered for sale at the price he mentions

sd. A.V. 12/6/07

The F.M.S. have agreed -see letter of 21-6-07 in I800/07

sd. W.S. 12/6/07



Send the F.M.S. 260 copies, this is half of 250 the difference 575 & 520 viz 55 to be retained for free issue to Mr. Ridley and Museums etc as per list.

sd. A. 2/7/07

D of Gardens

For your information

sd. W. S. 2/7/07

Hon. C. S.

260 copies are being forwarded to the Federal Secretary F.M.S. today per S.S. Perak.

sd. W. F. 6/7/07

*The copies to be saved should be put in the hands of a bookseller?*

*sd W. S. 5.7.07*

*C.S.*

*I think so. Shall they then be asked or a firm of booksellers in England or India I am afraid the volumes would not have much sale here.*

*sd A. H. L. 15/7/07*

*~~sd A. H. L.~~*

*50 Copies each (part 1 & 2) Lent to C. S. for sale @ 85/- per copy 8/10 for complete set of 3 parts in England 15/- and 30/-*

*14.8.07*



V.R.



KUALA LUMPUR,

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

*No*  
2937/1907.

31st August, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters Nos. 277/07 and 283/07 of the 6th and 31st July respectively together with 260 copies each of the first and second part of the "Manuscript" of the Malay Peninsula.

2. I am to express regret that your first letter was not acknowledged earlier.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*M. B. Miller*

for Federal Secretary, F. M. S.

The Ag. Director,

Botanic Gardens,

Singapore.

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Singapore.





KUALA LUMPUR,  
FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

No. 8187/1907.

25th September, 1907.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter No. 320/07 of the 18th August, together  
with 250 copies of Part III of the "Materials for a  
History of the Malay Peninsula".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*De Wolff*

*De Wolff*  
Federal Secretary, F.M.S.

Director,  
General,  
Singapore.



## Memorandum.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.15<sup>th</sup> August, 1908.

To

H. S. Ridley EsqSingapore.*Dear Sir,*

Copies of Parts II & III received for transmission  
to the India Library, London. (The Librarian, India Office, London)

One copy only of Part I. Materials for a  
Flora of the Malayan Peninsula has been sent in for  
registration instead of three, the usual number.

Please send two copies more & fill in the accompanying  
form for registration of this work in this office.

Jones Faithfull  
A. J. S. S. S.  
Secretary to the Government



2 more Copies & three indices sent  
through peon together with form filled in

19.8.08



(Quinn 2 1/2 1910)

## Memorandum.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

To

*H. B. Ridley Esq*  
*Botanical Gardens,*  
*Singapore.**14 August, 1908.*

Dear Sir,

Please let me have a copy of each of the undermentioned publications for transmission to the Librarian, India Office, London, who has applied for them.

- (1) Materials for a Flora of the Malayan Peninsula. Part II.
- (2) ————— do ————— do ————— Part III.

These publications were asked for on the 21<sup>st</sup> May last but have not been received.

I may also add that copies of Part I of this publication have not been sent to this Office for registration.

Yours faithfully

*W. B. Davidson*

For Colonial Secretary



No. 1. 11. & 111  
Sent Through  
Raphael  
15.8.08  
J. J.



(5,000-Nov., 1905.)

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# Memorandum.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

To

25<sup>th</sup> July, 1907.  
Director of Gardens.  
L.S.

Fifty copies of the first part of  
Mr Ridley's Monocotyledons are to be  
sent to the Crown Agents for sale. Please  
send them down here to be packed.

What price has been fixed for them?

50 copies part I

50 " " II sent 30.7.07

50. " " III " 18.9.07 11.7.

W. D. Miles,



Recd. one copy (3 parts)

of Ridley's "Materials  
for the Flora of the  
Malay Peninsula

for R.C. Office, Penang

H. N. Stand

4. 11. 07



List to whom Free copies of the "Materials For A  
Flora Of The Malay Peninsula" by H.N.Ridley sent.

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- 1.- Royal Gardens-Kew ✓
- 2.- Sir George King c/o Grindlay & Co 54 Parliament St.S.W. ✓
- 3.- Royal Gardens -Calcutta ✓
- 4.-Botanic Gardens-Buitenzorg ✓
- 5.- Botanic Gardens-Penang ✓
- 6.- Government Botanist-Manila ✓
- 7.- Botanic Depart.-Washington ✓
- 8.- C.Curtis-Barnstaple-Devonshire ✓
- 9.- Linnean Society ✓
- 10.-Gardeners Chronicle ✓
- 11.-Raffles Library-Singapore ✓
- 12.- British Museum ✓
- 13.- Imperial Institute ✓
- 14.- Botanic Gardens -Sydney ✓
- 15.- Botanic Gardens-Natal ✓
- 16.- Reporter on Economic Products -India (Dr.Watt?) ✓
- 17 -Botanic Gardens-Bruxelles ✓
- 18.- Botanic Gardens-Saigon
- 19.- Prof.Sargeant-Boston ✓
- 20.- Secretary of State for Colonies ✓
- 21.- H.E.The Governor -Singapore ✓
- 22.- The Hon'ble -The Colonial Secretary-Singapore ✓

One copy each to the above

23. H.N.Ridley (10 copies)

24. The Public Library - Penang & Malacca



no 235/07

DRAFT.

FAIR COPY }  
SIGNED BY }

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DATED

11/6/07

TO

Hon. C. S.

SIR,

In reply to your letter  
Gardens 3480/07 I have  
the honor to forward  
herewith a list showing  
to whom free copies of  
the "Mentor" for a short  
of the Malay Manuscript  
(Manuscript) should  
be sent.

2. It is possible that  
many have others to whom  
he would like to present  
copies. I would suggest that  
several copies <sup>should</sup> be sent to him  
if he can give his return of  
necessary, ask for a further  
supply

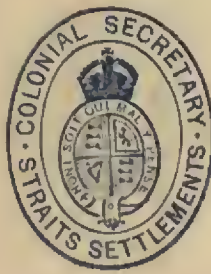


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PENINSULA SHOULD BE SENT.

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- ✓ 1.- Royal Gardens - Kew. ✓ 1 copy ✓
- ✓ 2.- Sir George King *cf Messrs Grindlay & Co - 54 Parliament St London S.W.* ✓
- 12 copies ✓ 3.- H.N. Ridley 10 copies ✓
- ✓ 4.- Royal Botanic Gardens-Calcutta. ✓ 1 copy ✓
- ✓ 5.- Botanic Gardens-Buitenzorg ✓ 1 copy ✓
- ✓ 6.- Botanic Gardens -Penang.
- ✓ 7.- Government Botanist-Manila.
- ✓ 8.- Botanic Department-Washington.
- ✓ 9.- C. Curtis
- ✓ 10.- Linnean Society 1 copy ✓
- ✓ 11.- Gardeners Chronicle. (For Press Notice). 1 copy ✓
- ✓ 12.- Raffles Library-Singapore. 1 copy ✓
- ✓ 13.- British Museum. ✓ 1 copy ✓
- ✓ 14.- Imperial Institute. ✓
- ✓ 15.- Botanic Gardens-Sydney. ✓
- ✓ 16.- Botanic Gardens-Natal.
- ✓ 17.- Reporter On Economic Products to The Govt. of India. 1 copy ✓
- ✓ 18.- Botanic Gardens-Bruxelles.
- ✓ 19.- Botanic Gardens-Saigon.
- ✓ 20.- Prof. Sargeant-Boston.
- ✓ 21- See 9 Notes for Colonies 1 copy ✓





Colonial Secretary's Office,

It is requested that the following number be quoted in the reply to this letter.

Singapore, 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 1907.

Gardens 3480/1907.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.224 of the 30th ultimo, I am directed to inform you that the whole of the 575 copies of the First Part of the materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula (Monocotyledons) written by Mr. Ridley, are the property of this Government.

2. I am to request that you will make out a list of those to whom you propose to send copies of the volume free of cost; the remaining copies will be divided between the Colony and the Federated Malay States in the event of the Federated Malay States Government agreeing to bear half the cost of the publication.

3. It can then be decided what number should be offered for sale at the price suggested by you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur Young".

Colonial Secretary,  
Straits Settlements.

The Director of Gardens,

Straits Settlements.



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# DRAFT.

FAIR COPY

SIGNED BY

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DATED

30/5/07

TO

Houl. S.

SIR,

price proposed by  
Mr. Ridley viz. \$5.<sup>00</sup>  
per copy, or \$10.<sup>00</sup> for  
the three parts - I  
presume the proceeds  
of the sale would be  
paid into the Treasury  
in the ordinary way.

I have etc.

I have the honor to  
inform you that I  
have received 575 copies  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the  
(Monocotyledons -) *Herbarium*  
for a flora of the Malay  
Peninsula - written by  
Mr. Ridley.

I understand 200 copies  
of these are to be taken by  
Govt free - I should  
be glad to know if you  
require all of the two  
copies to be sent to you  
for distribution - or  
whether we shall retain  
a few for presentation  
to the various botanical  
establishments.

As regards the rest I  
would beg for a check  
to be sent at the



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From Whom ...	Director of Gardens
Place ... ..	Singapore
Date ... ..	18-3-07

States that the part of the Materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula dealing with the Monocotyledons will shortly be completed.

Asks for a grant of \$2,500 and submits recommendations as to selling price etc.

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

Treasurer

Please state what the amount on deposit is now.

sd.E.L.B. 18-3-07

C.S.

\$1177-34

sd.J.O.A. 25-3-07

C.S.

The Finance Committee may be asked to approve of the balance required \$2,500 less \$1177-34.

sd.E.L.B. 26-3-07

D. of Gardens

I understand the F.M.S. have paid nothing towards this work, is there any reason why they should not do so and if they do not subscribe why should they receive copies free of cost.

sd.A.Young -27-3-07



I understand that the estimated cost was £1550-

Perak paid .....	\$3,888-00
Selangor .....	\$1,296-00
Colony .....	\$5,184-00
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	\$10,368-00

This was placed in a separate fund and there remains in that fund \$1177-34.

The sum now required is \$2,500 less \$1177 or \$1,323.

Ask the F.C. whether they agree to \$1323 being expended. I will endeavour to obtain the half from the F.M.S. and if not obtained from them I will arrange that the \$1323 is wiped off from the first lot sold.

sd. A. Young-27-3-07

Treasurer

For necessary action.

sd. A. Young-27-3-07

D. of Gardens

Before going to the Financial Committee I shall be glad to know definitely whether the \$2,500 you now ask for will be all that will be required to finish the whole of this work "A Flora of the Malay Peninsula".

sd. A. Young 27-3-07

C.S.

1.- This sum of \$2500 is only for the part of the Materials for the Flora done by me viz the Monocotyledons.

2.- Sir George King is doing the other part and it comes out in parts in the Bengal Royal A Society Journal. we have paid part of the expenses of this, as far as he has done, but he may require a further amount to complete this work. The present work is only the Materials for the Flora. The complete work will be published after the materials have been completed, and it will for that be necessary to vote at a later date a sum of £1500 to complete and bring it out. (see Col. 5714/1902).

3.- The remaining money on the Fixed Deposit against the Malayan Flora is being used to pay the Artist to make colored drawings of plants for the final flora. If used up as proposed there will be no money left to pay him. (see previous minutes) sd.

H.N.R. April 3 1907.



: - 3. (1800/07)

C.S.

I am afraid I do not understand what has taken place with regard to this matter. Sir W. Taylor (13-3-06) said he thought that Government might properly undertake the publication and the D. of G was asked to obtain estimates which he did and he said (23-4-06) that the Mission Press Estimate was cheapest and that it would cost under 2,000 dollars but speaking for myself as far as I was concerned all that was authorised was the acceptance of the tender of the American Mission Press for 4500 copies at \$663 (\$2-55 a page) exclusive of binding and this was to be paid for out of the Deposit which was said to amount to \$1800 (see 1606-06).

I don't know what is the authority for incurring expenditure of over \$2304 for which there is no provision.

Sd. E.L.B. 3-4-07

D of G

I cannot go to the F.C. or Leg Cou without complete information £1550 appears to have been given the Memo annexed the estimated cost of the work, please have a statement prepared shewing how this money less \$1177-34 been expended.

2.- Your Minute of 3rd instant says "see previous minutes" please give the dates and numbers of papers in which the minutes appear referring to the question of paying the Artist to make colored drawings of plants for the final flora.

3.- For what further period is this artist required, the pay he receives is I understand from Minutes in 1606/06 \$50 monthly.

4.- Please quote the authority for the expenditure of \$2500 paper 1606/06 appears to say that \$663/ was authorized to be paid to the American Mission Press for printing and that it was to cover from the amount on deposit.

5.- I understand that in addition to the £1550 and the \$2500 now asked for by you a further £1500 will be required and you also think it probable that Sir George King may require something further to complete his work. ~~I have asked you~~

I have asked you by para 1 of this minute for a statement shewing how the £1550 less \$1177-34 has been spent I shall be also glad of a further statement shewing what the probable expenditure will be to complete the whole work.



Hon. Col. Sec

1.- The £1550 contributed by the Governments of the Colony and of Selangor and Perak in 1888 was spent with approval of Govt. as per details annexed, I add a short history of the work up to date.

2.- See Minute H.E. 10-1-99 Misc. 7438/98.

3.- The Artist receives 50 dollars a month. It would be most desirable that his employment should be continued, as has been pointed out the flora is undergoing much change and partly disappearing and it is very desirable that before plants become extinct drawings often should be preserved. There is also a suggestion that drawings of all the timber trees and other plants of importance to Foresters should be made with a view of publishing an illustrated Manual for the Forest Department, which is at present badly wanted, (after the manner of Brandi's Forest Flora) .I hope this important work might be carried out.

It is by no means easy to procure a good Botanical Artist and it would be impossible probably to procure one as excellent as D'Alwis were he to leave. The Gardens of Ceylon have employed Artists (of the same family as D'Alwis) for eighty four years, viz from 1823 and although the Flora of Ceylon has been completely known for some time find their services of the greatest value. Still more important are the services of an Artist here where so little is known of a much vaster and more valuable (economically) flora. Figures too of pests and diseases of plants it is of great importance to publish whenever possible for planters and others to be able to recognize them. I would therefore urge that the Artist should be retained as a permanent addition to the Department, as is done in most Gardens of importance.

4.- The authority given Gardens 1606/06 is quite clear. The typed MSS together with a sample of the style required was submitted to the Govt. Printing Office, and as this Department was unable to execute the work, it was requested to get estimate of outside printers. The American Mission Press estimate \$2-55 a page was accepted in 27-4-05. I estimate 750 pages of printed matter would result from the 900 typed ones, this has however been slightly exceeded.

(b) The sum of \$663 mentioned was an Estimate of the Government Printer (27-4-07) for 260 pages, not 750.



(c) Though there was a balance of 1,500 in fixed deposit before giving these Materials for printing I pointed out in 18-5-06 that this would not be enough.

5.- The Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal (Corr. 8071/01) was paid in advance to print all future Materials of Sir George King I do not think he will require any more to finish his part of the Materials.

(b) Details of expenditure of the originally voted amount appd.

(c) Probable further cost to complete the work:-

1.- Cost of printing the Monocotyledons by Director now nearly finished ..... \$2,500-00

2.- Cost of final printing in Book Form with Plates ..£1500

3.- Honorarium for Sir George King.....£500

Items 2 & 3 not required for some years, probably at least five.

6.- I would point out that the Artist is being paid out of the fixed deposit, and if the remainder \$1177-34 is to be utilised for the cost of printing it will be necessary to vote a separate sum for the Artist.

Ed. H.N.R. April 11th 07

V.E.

An "instruction Paper" to the C.S. from the Governor Sir Clementi Smith dated 24th Jan 1888 in 1065/88 gives the cost of the work at £1550 made up as follows:-

Sir J. Hooker .....£500

Dr. King ..... £500

Incidental Expenses ..... £150

Publication of 2 Volumes ..... £400

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£1550

It was recommended that the Colony pay half and of the remaining half 2/3 by Perak and 1/3 by Selangor.

The cost was to be such by inserting in the estimates a sum annually to meet the cost, the sums voted to be funded.

This was done and the statement of Receipts and Expenditure attached to Mr. Ridley's "a/c of the history" shows now the sum raised has been expended.



The assets are \$1127-34.

The liabilities are Sir George King's remuneration £500, also as Sir George King has done the whole work he may ask for the further £500 which was to be given to Sir J. Hooker.

There is also an Artist at \$50 a month.

Mr. Ridley states that the following are the further sums required to complete the work.

Cost of printing the Monocotyledons \$2,500 this latter was practically authorised see minute of 13th March 06 in I606/06.

I propose that from the balance of \$1127-34 in the Treasury that sufficient be retained to pay the Artist to the end of the year, with what is left a portion of the \$2500 be paid and the F.C. asked to make up the difference.

If the artist's services are to be retained after the end of the year he should be shown in the Estimates.

As regards the £1500 for final printing and the honorarium to Sir George King provision is not required to be made for some years but it is best to settle now whether we are to pay for the final printing, the remuneration to Sir George King we must pay, the F.M.S. should I think pay half the remuneration, and also half the cost of the final printing if it is decided that Govt. should pay for the final printing and I propose to ask the F.M.S. Govt. explaining how matters stand whether they are prepared to pay half the cost in the event of its being decided that the printing should be undertaken by Govt.

Ed. A. Young 13-4-07

It is an extraordinary state of things. The whole work is estimated to be \$1550 and that with accumulated interest for some fifteen years has all been spent on purely preliminary work. Now we are asked to get \$2,500 to print another section. Is Sir G. King still at work and incurring out-of-pocket expenses and are there any more bills for printing his Materials to come in? This appears to be doubtful from Mr. Ridley's Minute.

I will have nothing to do with an Illustrated Manual for the Forest Dept. If the R.G. is willing to take the matter up he can do so.

If Mr. Ridley's Materials are in the printers hands why is it necessary to keep on the Artist? I cannot agree to his permanent employment.



The estimate of the further cost \$500 to Sir G.King \$1500 for printing to be paid five years hence-what is to be done during these five years and is it to be wholly gratuitous.

It is getting an old and disagreeable story here. The Govt. has a work pressed upon them and an estimate furnished when it is hopelessly committed to the work it is suddenly informed that it will cost two or three times as much as the estimate put forward originally on which its consent was obtained.

How many more Volumes of Materials are likely to be forthcoming?

The original Estimate of time was five years and fifteen or more have elapsed. Is there any chance of the Flora being ready in another fifteen.

Who is responsible for the estimate of \$1500 for final printing? It is stated that Trimen's Ceylon Flora a smaller work cost \$1450 to print. Really this sort of thing must make the Govt a laughing stock and I cannot allow it to go on.

If Mr. Ridley is prepared to take personal pecuniary responsibility for the completion, publishing and printing of the Flora for \$1500 plus \$500 for Sir G. King's honorarium I am prepared to ask the Council for the half of \$2000 and F.M.S. for the other half, otherwise let the \$2,500 authorized by the acting Governor or such part of it as cannot be met from the fixed deposit be paid, and we must rest satisfied with Materials instead of a Flora.

Sd. J. A. -13-4-07

Mr. Ridley,

Please explain why it is in your opinion necessary to keep on the artist and for how long.

Also please reply to the last para of H.E.'s Minute and to the other points required to be answered in H.E.'s Minute.

Sd. A. Young

15th April 1907



A number of the drawings are still incomplete and I should like them to be finished when the plants flower again. This would take perhaps two years. Should however the Government be unwilling to afford this money for this work I think his salary could be paid out of the Gardens Vote subject to the approval of the Gardens Committee.

H.E.'s Minute

I.- Sir G. King is still at work. He did the first part of the work at no cost at all to the Government but on the contrary paid a considerable amount of the costs of the work out of his own pocket. The Bengal Society did ~~not~~ rest till they could no longer afford it, when the Government here voted them a sum of money to complete ..... the work that Dr. King was doing. Therefore there should be no more expenses connected with this as I have already explained. (para 4 of my letter).

Para 2 & 3 noted .

Para 4. ~~Yes. It is paid for out of the £500 honorarium~~

I do not think there will be any more expenses till the Book is published . I do not know of any.

Para. 5. A good deal more of the Materials has to be finished, and it is being done by Sir George King aided by others of the best known Botanists of the day, as these gentlemen are not being paid anything, and as above stated the actual costs of the rest of the work have been paid this hardly affects the Government here.

6.- As soon as the Materials are completed, the publication of the Book-form can be commenced. I have estimated it as five years hence.

7.- The Government asked me to get the cost of the Ceylon Flora and I did so. Estimating a little higher owing to our Flora being very much larger (see 5014/02).

8.- As I was not one of the original workers and the whole matter was started before I came to the East, I hardly think I should have the right to take the responsibility and the profits (which presumably would be mine entirely) without consulting Sir George King who has done so much of the work. I do not know whether this would not be prohibited as a commercial undertaking according a recent regulation, but perhaps that point might be got over.



There is no need to ask the Financial Committee for the sum of £2000 at present. It cannot be wanted for some years and then need only be advanced each volume was brought out, the sales returns coming in at the same time, in the usual method of publishing such works as this. As however I am on my way to Europe shortly and shall see Dr. King, Sir J. Hooker and Sir C. Smith, the institutors of this work I should take the opportunity of consulting them on the subject and will if permitted submit his Excellency's Minute and proposal to them.

Sd. H. R. 18/4/07



Statement of Receipts and Payments on Account of Malayan  
Flora, From 1888 to 31st March 1907.

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Receipts.

Contribution of the Colonies from 1889 to 1893.....	\$5,600-00
-do- Perak from 1889 to 1892 .....	\$3,888-00
-do- Selangor from 1889 to 1893 .....	\$1,900-00
Interest on the above up to date .....	\$3,131-65
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Total ..	\$14,519-65

Payments.

Wages to Artist .....	\$5,387-73
Cost of Printing Sir George King's Materials for Malayan Flora (Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal) ..	\$6,363-64
Sir George King's Out-of-Pocket Expenses .....	\$ 789-22
Erection of a quarter for Artist in Botanic Gardens .....	\$ 450-00
Type-writing Mr. Ridley's portion of MSS for a Flora of Malay Peninsula .....	\$ 244-00
Miscellaneous .....	\$ 157-72
Balance in Treasury .....	\$1,127-34
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Total ...	\$14,519-65

Sd. J.O. Anthonisz

actg. Colonial Treasurer S.S.

Singapore

11th. April 1907.



ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY OF THE PUBLICATION  
OF THE MALAYAN FLORA.

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The publication of the Flora Of The Malay Peninsula was originally suggested by H.E. Sir Cecil Smith in 1888. It was to be based on the collections of Mr. Wray and Rev Father Scortechini, which were to be worked out and published by Sir Joseph Hooker and Dr. (Now Sir) George King. The work was to be done in five years. The expenses were to be paid partly by the Colony and partly by the Governments of Perak and Selangor. Sir Joseph Hooker and Sir George King were to receive five hundred pounds each after completion of the work. This was approved by the Secretary of State (Govt. 1065/1888). Owing to age however Sir Joseph Hooker retired from the work which thus fell on Dr. King only.

2.- Owing to the vast accession of the additional materials based on the collections made by the present Director of Gardens S.S. and by Mr. Charles Curtis of Penang, the work increased very largely and its publication was much delayed. In order therefore to get the work into the hands of botanists, foresters and other persons to whom it was of importance with as little delay as might be, without waiting till the whole was done it was agreed (Misc. 1105/OI) King's letter of January 3rd. 01) to bring the work out in a preliminary form as "The Materials For A Flora Of The Malay Peninsula".

3.- The first eleven parts of this were published by the Asiatic Society of Bengal at no cost to the Straits Government except that of Rs 56 annas 13 which was paid for certain extra copies.

In the same letter Dr. King asked the Government to pay the cost of the future volumes of the "Materials" as the Asiatic Society of Bengal were unable to afford the cost.

4.- The Government then suggested that the publication should be done by the Straits Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, but that Society was too poor to bear the expense and refused to publish this.



There remained at this time on the "Fixed Deposit Against Malayan Flora" made in 1888 over \$12,000 out of this \$6,363-64 an approximate estimate for Dr. King's Materials was paid to the Asiatic Society of Bengal (see Minute 292/02)

5.- The same year the question of the publication of the materials in Book Form was gone into (Minute 9073/01) and an estimate of cost was received (June 24th. 1902) in Minute 5714/02). This was based on the cost of publication of Dr. Trimen's Flora of Ceylon, a smaller work. This was estimated at \$1450, when this was agreed to there was still some money of the original fixed deposit left and it was agreed that it was advisable to utilize this in paying the salary of the Artist (hitherto he was paid from a separate voted yearly) to make drawings of plants for the Flora and in 1905 the out-of-pocket expenses of Dr. King viz \$77-13 9d. was paid out of the fixed deposit also.

6.- In 1902 (Misc. 1195/02) it was agreed that the Director of Gardens -Singapore should write the volumes of the Materials dealing with the Monocotyledons. These were written and it was determined to have the MS type-written at Government expense. The cost of this to come out of the fixed deposit.

To get this part published as soon as might be it was agreed to have it printed in Singapore and estimates of its cost were obtained from several Firms.

The Government decided to accept that of the Mission Press, which was \$2-55 a page exclusive of the cost of binding. The number of estimated pages was 750 (Letter April 23 in Minute 1606/06) This is approximately \$2,000 or a little over

7.- All that remains in the future is to bring out the Flora in Book Form, with the illustrations as was done in Ceylon. This will take a further sum of \$1500 and the honorarium of Sir George King of \$500 as agreed. This cannot be required for I should say another five years and of course would partly at least be recovered from sales.



1. The £1550 contributed in 1888 by the Colony and Native States was spent with the approval of the Govt. as per details, this and a separate account of the history of the Flora enclosed herewith.
- 2.- See H.E. Minute of 10-1-99 in Misc. 7438/98
- 3.- It is essential to employ an Artist permanently in a Garden's like this. As he receives \$50 per month.
- 4.-(a) The authority given in Garden's 1606/06 is quite clear-when I submitted 900 Type-written copies of the materials for printing together with a sample Pamphlet to be printed by Govt. Printing Office it was requested to get outside Estimates. The American Mission Press Estimate \$2-55 per page was accepted in 27-4-06. In my minute of 23-4-06 I pointed out that I estimate 750 printed pages out of this 900 typed ones, but this is slightly exceeded.
  - (b) The sum of \$663 you speak of is an estimate of Govt. Printer (see his minute of 27-4-06) for 260 printed pages not for 750 pages.
  - (c) Though there was a balance of \$1500 in fixed deposit, before giving these materials for print I pointed out in my minute of 18-5-06 that this sum will be hardly enough.
- 5.- ~~Ass~~ <sup>Use</sup> R.A. Society of Bengal (vide corr's. 8071/1901) been paid in advance <sup>to print</sup> for all future materials of Sir George King, I do not think Sir Geo King will require any more sum to print his portion of the material.
  - (b) Details for the expenditure of the originally voted amount of £1550 in 1888 enclosed herewith.
  - (c) The probable further expenditure to complete the work is as follows:-
    - 1.- Cost of printed portion of Director's material \$2500
    - 2.- Cost of reprinting the whole pamphlet in Book form and plates ..... £1500
    - 3.- Honorarium for Sir George King ..... £500

The above item 2 & 3 will not be required at least for another five years.



THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT OF THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Dr to \_\_\_\_\_ The Methodist Publishing House

Date of Supply.	Nature of Service.	Amount.	
		\$	c.
1907 May 27th	Deposit Against Malayan Flora <i>Forest Dept</i> <i>Other Charges</i> <i>To, Special expenditure</i> <i>Monocotyledon flora of the</i> Typewriting 25,000 words of Malayan Flora from Mr. Ridley's MSS at \$1-50 per 1,000 ... <i>Malay Peninsula</i> -do- 7,000 (second lot) -do- -do-... <i>V. de Wervaeke</i> 575 Copies printed Materials for A Flora of The Malay Peninsula -240 pages each (with title pages and cover) at \$2-55 per page as agreed ..... <i>Anthonis Gades</i> Binding 575 Copies (First Part only) at 21cents <i>As per Sub-vouchers attached</i>	✓ 37 ✓ 104 ✓ 120 ✓ 780	50 50 00 75
	<i>Tide Pondam</i> <i>Printed</i> 1750/cb		

I hereby certify that the above service has been duly performed, and that the prices charged are

in accordance with agreement and fair and reasonable.

*H. Fox*

Ag. Director of Garden's S. S.

Received from the Hon'ble Colonial Treasurer, S.S.

the sum of Dollars Seven hundred and eighty and cents seventy five only.  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the above service.

which I certify has been duly performed.

Singapore

May

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[NOTE—No signature should be written or stamped here until payment has been *actually received*.]



Sir,

The amount on deposit available for the work is \$677 and the bill amounts to \$780-75.

Can not this be charged against the new vote approved by F.C. in Gardens I800/07 attached?

sd. Theo D.R?

Director of Gardens

The amount available in deposit for this work is \$677. A vote of \$1627 was taken for printing the Director's work on Monocotyledons. Is this bill for part of that work? If so it should be charged against the vote. The No. of the Warrant is 354/07 see Garden's I800/07

sd. J.O.A. II/6/07

Hon. C. Treasurer,

Yes. I take it however that the \$677 will be transferred to the new vote?

sd. W.F. I2/6/07

Warrant  
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MEMORANDUM.

From

To

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The Colonial Government of the Straits Settlements.

Dr. to

I certify that the charges marked thus \*,  
amounting to \$  
actually incurred and PAID by me.

When payments are made by Public Officers for Petty Expenses for which it is not  
practicable to obtain Under-Receipts, the following Certificate must be signed by  
such Officers.

\* WITNESS to marks and pay  
ments made in my presence.

DATE OF SUPPLY.	The Methodist Publishing House <small>NATURE OF SERVICE</small>	AMOUNT.	
		\$	c.
1907			
July	Forest Department		
	Other Charges		
	(Special Expenditure)		
	Monocotyledon for a Flora of The Malay Peninsula		
	Vide Warrant No. 354/07 (Gardens 1800/07)		
	To,		
	575 Copies of Part II or 240 pp at \$2-55 p.p		
	and binding at cts. 21 p.p. ....	732	75
	3 Rickshaw hire from town to Gardens with above		60
Sep	575 Copies of part III or 202 pp at \$2-55 and		
	binding at cts 21 p.p.	635	85
		81362	20

I hereby certify that the above service has been duly performed, and that the Prices charged  
are

Received from the Treasurer,  
the sum of Dollars  
for the above service

which I certify has been duly performed.

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Colonial Secretary's Office  
Singapore

Sir,

With reference to your minute of  
the 18<sup>th</sup> instant on correspondence  
of the above number regarding the  
materials for a Flora of the Malay  
Peninsula I am directed by the  
Governor to inform you that,  
subject to the approval of the  
Secretary of State and of the  
Legislative Council, the Government  
is prepared to grant half of  
£1500 for the final printing  
of the work and half the  
remuneration of £500.- for  
Sir George King, the Government  
of the Federated Malay States  
being asked to provide the other  
half.

It is stipulated that 200  
copies of the work shall be

The Director.

Botanical Department



supplied free.

2. The Government will accept no responsibility for any further sum beyond the £2000 referred to above.

3. With regard to the part dealing with Monocotyledons, which is now being printed by the Methodist Mission Press, the Government will, subject to the approval of the Legislative Council, pay the cost amounting to \$2300 or \$2400, the sum being paid as far as possible from the amount on the deposit after leaving sufficient to carry on the services of the artist to the end of this year at \$60 - a month.

At the end of the year his services will cease as far as the Government is concerned.

Yours the honour to be  
Sir

Your obedient servant

W. H. D. D. D.  
for Colonial Secretary









Botanic Gardens, Singapore,

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. 18

March 15, 1907.

No. 145/07  
 Sir, I have the honour to state that  
 the part of the materials for a  
 Flora of the Malay Peninsula dealing  
 with the monocotyledonous now being  
 printed by the American Mission  
 press, will very shortly be completed.  
 It consists of three volumes containing  
 229, 240, 230 pages respectively. The  
 total number being 699 pp. The  
 cost of the whole will be ( $\frac{1750}{00}$ ) as far as  
 can be estimated at \$2804.00. and I would  
 ask for a grant of say \$2500.00 to cover under-  
 estimate, extra expenses, <sup>commission to seller</sup> etc. The cost appears  
 very reasonable. The number of copies printed  
 is 575 copies of each volume. It would be  
 I think necessary to supply for a certain  
 number of copies to the F.M.S. and to other  
 establishments, in the same way that Sir  
 George King supplied copies of the earlier  
 numbers of the materials. The remaining  
 copies could be sold and I would suggest  
 as a fair price 10 dollars for the three  
 volumes and 5 dollars for separate  
 sets. By this method the sale of



Two hundred and fifty <sup>complete</sup> copies would  
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The Hon. C. L. Sec.  
San Francisco



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lars.

Dear Mr Ridley

INDEX TO FLORA.--I enclose sample to show you the style in which we pro-  
pose to set the type. Immediately on receipt of your approval we  
will make rapid time on this job as it is to be machine-set. I  
fancy you will want the initial "A" in italic and that all the names  
of species will be in italic, though they are not so marked on the  
copy. This specimen proof is set to a slightly narrower measure than  
the book as the lines are nearly all short, and the long stretch from  
the name to the number of the page does not add to its beauty. If you  
have no objection we will make the measure narrower still--say  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch  
more.

With reference to this work, Joseph, your clerk, instructed  
us verbally to go ahead, billing it at the same rate as for the Flora.

AGRICULTURAL BULLETIN.--I trust you found all this in order and that the  
suggestions I have made meet with your approval, or that failing to do  
so, you will let me know wherein they are unsatisfactory. I think we  
can make the enterprise mutually satisfactory, and you need have no  
fear at all about our being prompt.

Yours sincerely

*W. F. Chung*



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H. N. Ridley Esq.

Botanic Gardens.

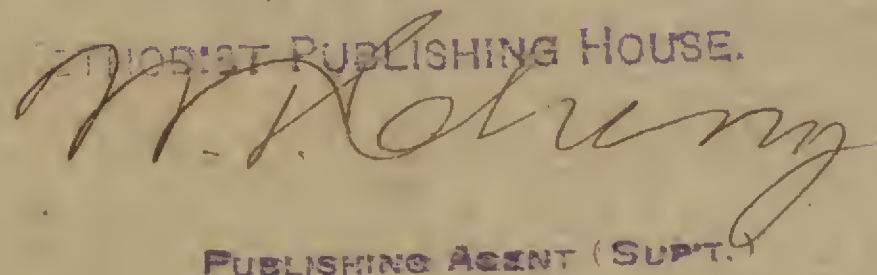
Dear Mr Ridley:--We have received the MS of index to Mater-  
ials for a Flora of the Malayan Peninsula, for estimate.

We would be glad to undertake this work at the rate of  
\$2.60 per page, binding 12 cts per copy, for 575 copies--you presum-  
ably want the same number of copies as of the original work.

This will be 1 notype set. We could not quote this price  
for hand setting on account of the italic in every line.

Yours faithfully

METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE.



PUBLISHING AGENT (SUPT.)



Methodist Publishing House - 13-March-1907.

Dear Mr. Ridley, I have worked out the probable size and cost of Flora of Malay Peninsula, at your request and the result is as follows:-

Part..I. will contain exclusive of title pages etc,  
..... 229p.p.  
Part II..... 240pp  
Part III ..... 230pp

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Total No.of pp 699

Allowing for title's pages and possible error, in  
approximate ..... 26

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Our price is based on a book of 725pp in  
3 parts.

At the estimated rate of \$2-55 per page for 450  
copies, which have increased to \$2-60 per page as we  
will deliver 575 copies, the cost of printing will  
be .....\$1,885-00

The work that was spoiled cost ~~..\$143-00~~ \$2028-00

Binding at 12cents per copy each part, and

making 1725 books at 12½ c .....\$215-64

Typewriting work ..... 60-00

Total Approximate cost \$2304-00

sd. W.Cherry



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to be used if required.

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Printing 1906 (G3)

From whom

J. G. D.

Place

Date

15-3-06

1906

Flora of the Malay Peninsula

Forwards letter from J. G. D. and asks that the printing of the book be done at cost price.

Former Papers.

MINUTES

Final Paper.

Gardens 1606-06

C.S.

Let the S. P. O. make an estimate first?  
Ed. A. H. L. 15/3

If the Printing Office can undertake it there is no question of paying for it. But if it means that other work has to stand over it must be done outside.

Ed. E. L. B. 16-3-06

S. P. O.

Can this printing be done in the Printing Office without causing delay to other work? and if so at what rate do you think it could be proceeded with?

Ed. A. H. L. 16/3



C.F.

The work will have to be done  
outside.

I fear it would get in the  
way of other work, and a  
good deal would have to be  
done after office hours.

Which, since no charge would  
be made, would hardly be  
to the interests of this department.

S/d. J.E.F.

19/3.

A. J. L.

For your information

S/d. A.J.L.

20/3/1913

Am. est. fee

Noted. Will get estimates  
from printer.

S/d. J.E.F.

25/3/13

Accept American Mission

Press \$2.55 a page.

S/d. L.L.B.

27-4-16

A. J. L.

To note

A.J.L. 27/4



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*Secretary of State* (G 3)  
*578*  
*1905*

From whom

Secretary of State

Place

London

Date

6th. April 1905.

Flora of the Malay Peninsula.

Regarding claim of Sir George King for £77-13-9 for expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of a

*Former Papers.*

MINUTES

*Final Paper.*

G.D. 172(30-4-88)

S/S 6793(1888)

Governor 1065/88

Perak 9876/87

-do- 10826/87

Treasurer,

To note. Please say if any portion of the funded amount remains.

sd. W.S. for C.S. 2-5-05

C.S.

Noted. The balance now available is \$2,979-64 of this deposit \$50 is payable monthly for salary of an artist

It'd. J.O. 4-5-05

*Addition Enclosed  
To note*

*May I  
for your information*



Royal Botanic Gardens , Kew,

March 30th, 1905

Sir,

Referring to Sir Robert Herbert's letter of May 31st, 1888, sanctioning the preparation of a Flora of the Straits Settlements and Malay Peninsula by Dr. now Sir George King, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter from that gentleman in which he requests repayment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the prosecution of the work.

2. Sir George King is unfortunately in bad health and I am not in a position to obtain more precise details of the sums mentioned in his letter. I gather that the sum of £77-13-9 will satisfy his claim though I am unable to explain why it is split into two items.

3. I may state that the considerable instalment of the work which Sir George King has published is regarded in the scientific world as of the greatest importance and value. It is within my knowledge that the expenses for which repayment is now claimed have been incurred and they appear to me under the circumstances extremely moderate.

I am etc

sgd. W.T. Thiselton

-Dyer.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office

Downing Street, S.W.



San Remo, Italy

c/o Messrs. Grindlay & Co

54, Parliament Street,

London, S.W.

March 26th. 1905

Sir,

As you are aware I have, since my retirement from the service of the Government of India in 1898, been occupied in the preparation, for the Government of the Straits Settlements, of a Flora of the Malay Peninsula and instalments of this work have from time to time appeared in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal. You are also aware that, in connection with this work, I have had large quantities of dried botanical specimens of Malayan plants sent for me to study at Kew as the basis of my Flora. These specimens, after having been studied by me at Kew, have been named and returned to the Botanic Garden Calcutta (by order of the Straits Government) for distribution to the more important Botanical Museums of Europe, Asia and America.

The work has been conducted with your sanction and permission, at the Herbarium of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, where only indeed it was possible to do it.

Since I began the work in 1898 I have, from time to time expended on account of carriage, portage and Storage of specimens and on clerical work connected with the naming of the latter, sums which amount to £78.13.0 sterling. In addition to this I have expended the sum of £16-14-0. On preparing and printing in England indices to the species described in the instalments published in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal. The printing of these indices was absolutely necessary to make the work available, so far as published, to working botanist in the Straits Settlements and in the museums in other parts of the world. The cost of these indices was not met by, and indeed it was no part of the printing undertaken by the Asiatic Society of Bengal, and rather than it should not be done I undertook it myself.



Hitherto I have submitted no claim for a refund of the expenditure above mentioned. It has now, however, become of importance to me that I should recover any sums that are owing to me. I therefore venture to ask that you will kindly bring the matter to the notice of the proper authorities so that I may be refunded the sums of £59-7-9 and £18-6-0 - £ 77-13-9 either direct or through my bankers Messrs. Grindlay & Co., 54, Parliament Street, S.W.

The sanction for the expenditure on the specimens is contained in an official letter dated 7th January 1887, from Sir Hugh Low to myself.

I have etc

sgd. George King

K.C.I.E., F.R.S. &c &c &c

Sir William T. Tiselton-Dyer,

F.R.S., L.L.D., K.C.M.G., C.I.E. &c

Director, Royal Botanic Gardens,

Kew.



Downing Street

6th. April 1905

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the

Gov.No.172.30th  
April,1888  
Sec.of State No  
156 31st May1888

Kew .30th March

margin, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, forwarding a claim from Sir George King for £77- 13 - 9 the amount of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of a Flora of the Malay Peninsula.

The Crown Agents have been instructed to pay Sir G. King this amount from Straits Settlements Funds, and I have to request you to arrange for the repayment of the money to the Colony from the funded amount referred to in your predecessor's despatch of 30th April 1888, if the fund has not been exhausted.

I have etc .

sd. Alfred Lyttelton

Governor

Sir J. Anderson , K . C . M . G . ,



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be used if required.

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From whom

Place

Date

Sir Geo King

Italy

5-2-902

Flora of the Malayan Peninsula.

No the publication of in book form suggests  
that one portion be undertaken by Mr Ridley.  
Consider that illustrations are not necessary.

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

Ms A 292 02  
Ms B 9013.01

CS.

H.E. proposes to associate Mr Ridley  
with himself in the work.  
The publication in book form is still  
far off but the difficulties are great.  
St. C. W. S.  
5-2.

7/5

I see no objection to Mr Ridley doing  
this - The work will be sooner completed.  
St. C. W. S.  
6-2

Say the Govt. agrees to this proposal and  
I recognized that this work will still entail  
great labour on Sir Geo King but I am  
anxious that his name which is so disting-  
uished amongst botanists should be  
connected with the first Malayan Flora.  
St. J. A.



E. of Garden

for your information

Sd W.S.S.

f. C.S.

7.2.02

Hon; Col. Geo

Noted

Sd W.S.S.

13.2.02



1195/02  
Hotel des Anglais

San Remo

Italy

5th, January 1902

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter marginally noted concerning the publication of my Materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

It is, as you remark in your letter under reply, true that the original intention of your Government was to have a complete Flora of the British Malayan Provinces published in two volumes by Mess: L. Reeve & Co of London. The work of preparing this projected Flora was, as you are aware, undertaken by Sir Joseph D. Hooker and myself conjointly. When however, we gave hope of the <sup>early</sup> rarely completion of such a work, neither of us had realised how very imperfectly the plants of the Malayan Peninsula, and especially those of its central mountain range, had been, up to that time, collected, it explained in my letter to you dated 26th December 1900, Sir Joseph Hooker found that he would be unable to take any part in it and he dissociated himself from the undertaking leaving me to carry it out single-handed.

[Recd 90/13/01  
L. R. 1902]

B 3.12/83  
I had not been long at work before I found out how incomplete the collections on which I had to work really were, and I suggested to Sir Joseph that, instead either of hurrying on the publication of a Flora which (being founded in imperfect collections of plants) must necessarily be imperfect, or if waiting until a Flora in completed collections should be published in its entirety, I should print, from time to time, in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal (which had consented to receive them), such portions of a work founded in the collections in my hand as I might be able to prepare. This proposal met with the entire approval of Sir Joseph Hooker and was accepted by His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements (Sir Cecil Smith I think.) The publication of the series of papers entitled Materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula was therefore begun, and, as you are aware, twelve papers of this series have up to date been printed. The <sup>little</sup> of this series sufficiently indicates its nature. It is not issued as a Flora, but as Materials for a Flora. It was hoped that by this piece-meal publication the work of collecting dried specimens of plants of the provinces concerned would be stimulated so that in time a collection of specimens



might be obtained which would be approximately complete. This end has, to some extent, been attained by the effects of official and other residents, and also by the labours of a German collector sent out from the Royal Botanic Garden at Calcutta of which I was until lately the Superintendent. A great deal however still remains to be done in the way of exploring botanically the interior of the peninsula. I consider it therefore highly desirable that the arrangement should be carried out which your Government have recently sanctioned for the continuation of my Materials in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

The completion and publication of the ~~Compendious~~<sup>Compendious</sup> Flora which your Government desire would be much hastened if your Government would agree to allow the task which I have undertaken single-handed to be shared by Mr. H.N. Ridley, Superintendent of the Botanic Garden of Singapore. Mr. Ridley and I have discussed the matter on several occasions and I understand from him that he has made substantial progress in describing the Malayan members of the group known as Monocotyledons. I would therefore suggest for your favourable consideration whether it would not be advisable to allow Mr. Ridley to take charge of that section of Flora, leaving to me the group named Dicotyledons of which I have already described a large portion. If your Government agree to this proposal, I would further suggest that Mr. Ridley might be allowed to elaborate it and to publish his Flora of it on his own responsibility, and without reference to me. Should his section be published in advance of mine, I would suggest that my portion should be published in a style uniform with that of Mr. Ridley as regards paper, type and binding.

I have communicated the views explained in the preceeding paragraph to Mr. Ridley who, as you are aware, is shortly about to return to Singapore.

As regards my own proposed portion (Dicotyledons), I may explain that I have on account of my health, been obliged, since my retirement from the service of the Government of India in 1898, to spend the winter half of each year in Italy. Hitherto I have devoted only my summers to working at the Malayan Flora in the Kew Herbarium. But, since the sanction by your Government of a monetary grant to the Asiatic Society of Bengal for the completion of my Materials in the pages of their Journal, I have arranged to carry on the work also in winter. The rate of production should thus be much accelerated. I have recently sent the MSS of the thirteenth No: of my Materials to the Secretary to the Asiatic Society for publication, and I hope soon to be able to send a further instalment.



In conclusion I beg to assure His Excellency the Governor that it is my earnest desire to push on, as fast as may be consistent with accuracy, with the completion of my Materials and that I am devoting my whole energy to the task. I propose when the Materials have been completed to incorporate with them descriptions of the many species of plants which have been discovered since their publication was begun, and to recast the whole into the form of a compendious Flora such as His Excellency's Government desires.

As regards the proposal to illustrate the projected Flora with figures of plants, I regret to say that I am not now in a position to give any assistance. I do not however consider illustrations to be necessary.

I have &c.

sd: George King

To The Colonial Secretary  
Straits Settlements  
Singapore.

P.S.

My standing address is C/o Messrs. Grindlay & Co  
54 Parliament Street  
London, S.W.



the census. Thanks for  
pursuing & send me  
notes of as I collect  
of flowers, native  
names etc. The  
most way I find  
there in the species  
I have already done  
won't be I understand  
I annotate a copy  
of my materials,  
I can send you a  
share copy for this  
purpose if you  
like.  
My best wishes to  
you & to the S. & M.  
and I am sure

Hotel de la Ingles  
San Luis  
Italy  
12 July 1901

Dear Mr. Ridley, Many  
thanks for your letter of  
1<sup>st</sup> inst. rec'd.  
I wrote two days ago  
to the & posts got in  
suggested that you should  
be the monotypy of me.  
Yes: I am proud  
of all your contributions  
to the & specimens  
I take them all  
up in my book



your amount of work  
have in the chambers  
I sent home. I am  
now working at

Bedford's. The materials  
No 13 of the  
is now coming in  
in Calcutta. I like  
a city may soon  
reach you at Singapore.  
In it Calcutta will  
be ample to  
with all good  
make the voyage

Yours  
Henry



1195  
1902

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Singapore, 2. 1902.

Sir,

I am directed by the Govt. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. regarding the work already by you in the preparation of materials for a flora of the Malay Peninsula, and suggesting the advisability of allowing Mr. Ridley to take charge of the group Monocotyledons, leaving the group named Decotyledons to be completed by yourself.

2. In reply, I am to inform you that the Govt. agrees to your proposal to divide the work with Mr. Ridley.

H. E. recognises that the work will still entail great labour on yourself, but he is anxious that your name, which is so distinguished amongst botanists, should be connected with the first Malay Flora.

Sd A. W. S. O. 7. 3. 02

Sir Geo. King, K. C. B. & C.  
C/o Messrs. Grindlay & Co.  
5th Parliament Street  
London E. C. 4.



In note (in pencil).  
If you will kindly  
send it by post ad-  
dressed to me

Hotel der Engländer  
San Remo

I will be much  
obliged if you  
will send me  
some of the  
and my paper  
in return is to show  
at least 4 1/2 months  
there. With kind  
regards from our  
family

To Mr. Friend  
54 Parliament St  
London  
S.W.

22 Oct  
1902

Dear Mr. Friend  
Many  
thanks for your letter of  
21st Sept. just received.  
I am glad to hear you  
are well with what you  
have got Hydrochlores  
& Ochidocera ready to  
the help. I am very sorry  
that your post is not



misgiving that his  
very antithesis to  
Botanical work. I  
was more fortunate in  
India.

I shall be delighted if  
you will kindly do for  
neraceae for me. That  
it belongs to the part  
of the Flora for which I  
am responsible, I cannot  
ask you kindly to  
make your account of  
it uniform with my  
work on the neraceae.

The memoirs are, as

we arranged, to be done  
entirely in your respon-  
sibility. I am & remain  
very glad if you will,  
as you propose, send  
me the MS. of the  
two articles you have  
done, as I am to  
review them & see if  
and so modify.  
& you are having  
it typed - or, as, would  
be mind, having it  
done as a separate margin,  
so that there may  
be plenty of room



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Mis. 292  
02

(G. 3.)

From Whom ....

Place ....

Date ....

Payment to the Asiatic  
Society of Bengal of  
Rs. 8753.9.6.

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.



Maid

292  
02

From whom

Hon Secretary  
Asiatic Society of Bengal

Place

Date

23 - 12 - 01

States that the Society will be glad to receive  
the sum which is available for the publication  
of Sir Geo King's "Materials for a Flora of the  
Malay Peninsula"

Former Papers.

C.S.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

The Expenditure on this to date is Rs 4753/9/6  
The Estimated further Expenditure is Rs 4000.  
The Total sum at our disposal is Rs 10,953. 02  
Sd J.F. 10.1.02

A.C.S.

Do they ask for Rs 4753. 9. 6

4000.

8753. 9. 6?

Sd C.W.R. 10-1

to, they will be glad to receive  
the sum which is available but that  
amounts to more than the Estimated Cost.

Sd J.F. 10.1.

Sol. Treasurers.

The Equivalent of Rs 8753. 9. 6  
may be remitted

Sd C.W.R. 10.1.02



C.S.

Drft. for round sum of  
Rs 8,750 rupees which at exchange  
137 1/2 Coet. \$6,363-04

2. The amount standing to  
Credit is on deposit in Treasury

\$3233-84

Fixed deposit - due 21.2. \$7827 94

10061-78

and there will be interest on  
the fixed deposit - when mature  
say \$313.

3. There will be thus an amount  
of say \$4011-14 left. Shall this  
be replaced on deposit or shall  
it remain in the Treasury  
and be partly used for paying  
the artist for whom provision  
is made in the Bud 991-700  
(See Misc 8091-01)

I think his salary \$50 p.m.  
should be debited to the deposit  
8/d. F.G.P. 14.1

Approved

8/d. C.W.B.

Trus.

ad Gen.

20 note

C.S.

Please let Director of  
Gardens note so as to  
debit "Salary" against  
"Deposit - Malayan Flora"  
8/d. F.G.P.

C.S. Note 8/d. W. Fox.

24.1.02



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used if required.

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*Min. 3847*  
*1902*

From whom

Place

Date

Hon. Secy.  
 Asiatic Society of Bengal  
 15. 4. 02

Publication of "Materials for a Flora of the Malay Peninsula"

Report progress and thanks Govt. for grant of £2,800 (Rs 8750)

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

For the information of the Committee  
 of the Asiatic Society of Bengal

That is quite satisfactory and absolute acknowledgement should be sent but how does £2800 make Rs 8750. I wish it did.

Was there not a question about illustrations or will the Society do that.

The money for all this is I believe already in the Treasury and at least half of it came from the F. M. S. to this work and High Commr for the F. M. S. should be added.

ofd. F. A. S.  
 I think Sir Geo. King should be informed  
 c. c.

- (a) Can you say where the figure £2,800 came from.  
 (b) Dpt. of A. S. of B referring them as regard illustrations to our letter of 5.12.01. in 9073/01. att and adding what H. S. says.



(a) no. over \$6000 were sent.

(b) as to illustrations See our letter  
9073. of 10.10.01 to Sir Geo. King  
and last para of his reply in 1195  
of 10.11.02

Director of Gardens

Sir Geo. King says illustrations  
are not necessary, but I thought  
you had actually prepared a  
large number.

of 10.11.02

Hon. Col. Sec.

A large number of illustrations  
have been prepared. It is true  
that many of the older colonial  
Floras have not been illustrated  
but the latest one that of  
Ceylon has been illustrated  
and is very much improved  
thereon. The illustrations are  
in a separate volume being  
on larger paper than the text.

The annuals of the Botanic  
Gardens of Calcutta is also an  
illustrated work supplying  
practically illustrations to  
the Flora of India.

The plate can be published  
as an appendix. I will make  
enquiries as to how the Ceylon  
Plates were published. It would  
be a very great improvement to have  
our Flora illustrated & I think it  
could be done with but little if  
any extra expense but will inves-  
tigate this. of 11.11.02  
May 5. 04



Asiatic Society of Bengal,

57 Park Street,

Calcutta 15th April 1902.

No. 36

The Secretary to Government

Straits settlements,

Singapore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Council of the Asiatic Society of Bengal to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. Mis: 292/02 of 16th January 1902 informing the society that His Excellency Sir Frank Athel-stane Swettenham, K.C.M.G., the Governor of the Straits Settlements has been pleased to make them a grant of \$2,800 or Rs8,750 for the purpose of completing the publication of the "Materials for a Flora of the Malayan Peninsula" by Sir George King, K.C.I.E. formerly Superintendent of the Botanic Garden near Calcutta.

2. The series of papers bearing this title is really a Monograph modelled on the lines of Hooker's well-known Flora of India, of the flowering plants of the Malay Peninsula and the adjacent smaller islands, and it is as useful to the student as it is to the systematic botanist. The series was commenced in the Journal of the Asiatic Society for 1889 and up to last year nearly 1400 pages including 52 Natural orders or rather more than half the work, have been published. One order, Leguminosae, has been contributed by Major Prain, and Dr. O. Stapf of Kew has collaborated in the preparation of the Sub-orders Melastomeae.

3. In 1897 the condition of the Society's finances came under discussion and some doubts were expressed as to their ability to carry out so large an undertaking as the Malayan Flora. At this juncture the Government of the Straits Settlements, which was naturally interested in the completion of the work, held out to the society the prospects of financial aid being afforded, and eventually sanctioned the liberal donation of Rs8,750.

4. I am to ask you to express to His Excellency the Governor the cordial thanks of the society for this timely assistance, which places them in a position to complete without delay the publication of Sir George King's important contribution to the advancement of botanical research. The society desire to offer for the acceptance of the



Government of the Straits Settlements 30 copies of the Society's Journal from 1889-1901 containing the earlier numbers of the flora, and the same number of future issues will be forwarded from time to time. They further propose to add to the title page of the later issues the following words "Published with the assistance of His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements".

I have &c

sd: J. Warfarlane.

Hon. Sec. A.S. of Bengal



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Date     ....    ....	

Statement of account as it  
stood in 1897

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.



Statement of Receipts and Payments on account of Malayan Flora

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RECEIPTS

Colonies Contribution from 1889 to 1893 .....	\$5,600
Peraks            -do- from 1889 to 1892 .....	\$3,888
Selangors'       -do- from 1889 to 1893 .....	\$1,900
Interest realised on Investment .....	\$1,130-12
Balance .....	48-10

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\$12,566-22

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PAYMENTS

	(1890)
Erection of a quarter for Draftsman .....	\$ 450-00
Salaries of Mr. A de Alwis .....	\$1,650-00
Passage of Mr. Alwis from Ceylon .....	\$ 54-06
Contingent Expenses .....	\$ 64-06
Amount Placed on Fixed Deposit in Chartered Bank .....	10,300-00
Balance .....	48-10

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Total .....\$12,566-22

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sd. Fred .G.Penny

Colonial Treasurer S.S.

21st September 1897







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From Whom ....

Place ....

Date ...

Entertainment of artist  
for making drawings for a  
 flora of the Peninsula

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.



Beane's  
L. 1000  
2nd 1879

Dear Sir, I have the honor  
to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 10th inst.  
and in reply to inform you  
that the same has been forwarded  
to the proper authorities for  
their consideration. I am,  
Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, etc.

Respectfully,  
J. H. [Signature]



Treasurer

kindly let me

know M.C.

Ed. I enclose  
a memo showing  
figures to  
6.1.99



From whom

H. De B.

Place

Date

18. 1/90

Col. Sec. Ceylon.

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

- I am desired by the former  
 ask you to be good enough  
 to Mr. who has been recommended  
 for employment as draught  
 artist Botanic Gardens Singapore  
 a salary of 50 dollars month and  
 unfurnished quarters. A second  
 passage to the Colony would be pro-
2. Mr. Allen states that he understands that  
 permanent employment will be  
 guaranteed.
  3. It will be convenient if Mr. Allen  
 here about the end of March when  
 quarters should be ready.

B. 17. 1.



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From Whom ....	
Place ....	
Date ....	

Proposal for a flora of the  
Malay Peninsula

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.



Colonies 5714  
1902

(63)

From whom

Place

Date

Colonial Secretary  
Ceylon  
24-6-02

Publication of the work on the Flora  
of Ceylon.

Furnish particulars as to Cost of:-

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

Director of Gardens.

How would this information affect your  
Estimate?

Sd W. T. 4-7-02

Hon. Col. Sec

Assuming the plan and cost of the  
work to be proportionately that of Ceylon, Gardens  
a year was published, & also one published  
next year, a vote of 5000 £. should be put in the  
Estimate for the first volume published.

Sd H. B. July 7<sup>th</sup> 1902

Yrs.

we might provide the equivalent  
of £500 in the estimate of 1903?

Sd W. T.

8.7.02



CS

4th Col; Sec.

Yes unless the  
Treasurer has this  
funds some were  
in deposit as I think  
he has

sd Jas

9.7.02

I should have  
written £ 300. I have <sup>been</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>estimated</sup> this. at ~~the~~ <sup>one</sup> balance  
a year is 1/2 of total cost of  
Ceylon flora 15.50 £ = 300  
£ of course it is possible  
that the publishers may want  
the whole to be advanced  
before under taking it.  
This is a matter for arrange-  
ment with them.

Referred to the Treasurer as  
to what we should provide.  
There is ~~one~~ <sup>on</sup> deposit. I think

\$4811.

July 12 1902

sd W.T.

sd Hark.

9.7.02

CS

There is still \$4911.22

on deposit out of which  
we pay \$50. per m. to the  
artist in the Gardens.

There is a sum of \$700 in  
the estimates for this  
purpose, but it was  
decided that it should  
not be spent, so long as we  
had a balance of the same.

(2) If money is to be provided  
next year, will not the  
F. M. S. share expenses?  
They paid a portion  
originally.

(3) How does Mr Ridley arrive  
at £ 500.

sd W.T.

11.7.02



Rep. 5714  
1914

Botanical Secretary's Office  
Colonial Botanic Gardens  
Singapore

Sir,

Referring to your letter Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> of 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
asking for information as to the method of  
publication and the cost of producing the  
illustrations which form part of the work on the  
Flora of Siam. I am directed to inform you  
that Dr. Trimen the late Director of the Royal Botanic  
Gardens, Peradeniya, entered into the following  
arrangements with Messrs. Dulau & Company pub-  
lishers, No. 7, Soho Square London.

(1) That the work be published in 4 parts with  
Separate atlas of 100 Coloured plates.

(2) That 500 Copies should be printed at an  
estimated cost of £1450 made up as follows:-

Text - paper & printing	£ 400/-
Plates - drawing on stone each 55/-	£ 250/-
Use of Stone, printing & paper each 50/-	£ 200/-
Colouring M. Copy 55/- rest at 20/- per 100	£ 525/-
Binding, leather in cloth, atlas of plates in half leather	£ 75
	£ 1450

(3) That the Publishers repay 1/3 of the cost (and  
Government the other 2/3) and after recovering  
their outlay by sales (at £3.3. per copy) to  
account to Government at £2/10 per copy.

(4) That the work be published in about 4 years  
1 part annually as far as possible.

2. I am to add that when Dr. Trimen died  
after 3 parts of the work had been published,  
it was found that there was sufficient material  
not only for a fourth but a fifth part also.



that  
and for this additional part it was arranged  
that the publishers should be paid £100/-

3. The Completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
parts after Dr. Trivier's death was entrusted  
to Sir Joseph. Hooker at a remuneration of  
£250/- for each part.

I have to  
Sd. Atty Genl  
for Col. Sec.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The C. Sec.

Eng<sup>land</sup>.



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*Entered 7 Sept 1897*

COPY.

Memorandum

on a proposed Flora of the Straits Settlements

by J. D. Hooker.

Having been requested to place on record my views as to the most favourable means of accomplishing the publication of a Flora of the Straits Settlements, I beg herewith to offer the following observations and suggestions.

The vegetation of the Straits Settlements is one of the richest on the globe. It abounds in plants of the greatest economic value for food and medicine and in the arts and manufactures. Its position and climate offer great facilities for the introduction and cultivation of useful plants other than its own, and its forests teem with hitherto undescribed trees and shrubs many of which will doubtless prove as valuable to mankind as others of its known kinds have already proved to be. And yet no English possession on the globe is so badly supplied with the means of determining what its vegetation consists of, as are the Straits Settlements. Of every other British



Colony or Settlement some Flora, more or less complete, has been published. The adjacent Dutch possessions in Sumatra, Java, &c., have had their plants illustrated, often lavishly, at the costs of their Governments; but with the exception of the species incorporated in the Flora of British India now being published under the authority of the Secretary of India in Council, no attempt has hitherto been made to catalogue even the plants of any one of the Straits Settlements, and this though very large collections amounting probably to 3000 species of the Flowering Plants and Ferns of Perak, Penang, Singapore and Malacca exist in the Herbaria of the Botanical Garden of Kew and Calcutta, in a state fit for description.

I believe that the desired object would be best attained by the publication in a portable form, and at a moderate price, of a work similar to the Colonial Floras hitherto issued under the authority of the various Colonial Governments. That should be supplemented by lithographic plates of the more interesting, novel or useful plants, in a quarto form, following as precedent the illustrations of the Victorian Flora, issued under Colonial auspices by



Baron Sir F. Mueller and which for utility and excellence leave nothing to be desired.

I. The Flora of the Straits Settlements: After a careful survey of the hitherto collected materials, I estimate the number of Flowering Plants and Ferns (to which the work would in the first place be confined) to be probably 3000 species. These would occupy 2 octavo volumes of 700 to 800 pages each, of which the selling price would be about 30/- per volume; and the time required for their production would be four years, more or less, depending on the time at the author's disposal.

The descriptions should be in English and as short and simple as is consistent with clearness and scientific accuracy. The description of each plant should be followed by a citation of works dealing with the Malayan Flora in which the subject had been previously described or figured; by a mention of the places in the Straits where it is found; by the name of the finder (if the plant is uncommon); by a brief indication of its range outside the limits of the Flora (if found beyond these limits); and by the uses to which it is put, under the heads of medicine,



textile, gum, dye-stuff, timber, etc. The Malay name, when positively known only, should be added. The sequence of order and genera adopted in the other Colonial Floras should be followed, so that, should an unforeseen event delay the work, what had been prepared or published would be complete in itself.

Experience of other Colonial Floras has proved that the best method of procedure, in regard to publication, is to arrange with a publisher for the production of the work, he receiving the MSS . free of all charge from the author, and undertaking the whole cost of printing paper, binding, advertisements, issue and sales of copies. In this case the Government pays the author; and to ensure the publisher against loss (and to enable the work to be produced at a moderate price), the Government also takes on the day of publication 100 copies at retail price for the use of the Colony and the publisher sells the rest for his own profit.

The Botanist best qualified for the authorship is unquestionably Dr. King (Superintendent of the Calcutta Botanic Garden) whose knowledge of the Straits Flora is very large, who has an ample Library and Herbarium of



Straits plants at Calcutta, and whose proximity to the Straits Settlements will enable him to refer for information to residents there without loss of time. Whilst however working in Calcutta, Dr. King would require to be in constant correspondence with a competent Botanist in the Herbarium at Kew, which contains the largest and best named (indeed the only other) collection of Straits plants in existence. Every species described in the Flora must be identified with those previously named at Kew; and Dr. King must be supplied with the means of publishing such species as exist at Kew and are not in the Calcutta Herbarium.

## II. Illustrations of Straits Settlements Plants.

Lithographed illustrations of the plants of the Straits could be well and inexpensively produced at Calcutta under the direction of Dr. King; and might be brought out through a publisher in the same way as the Flora. It is impossible to estimate the cost of such an undertaking; but I am confident that a grant of £100 a year to provide for artists work and the purchase of a few copies, would be well spent as a commencement of such an undertaking.



It will be observed that under the arrangement proposed, the position of the Government, the author and the publisher are strictly limited and defined. The Government pays a moderate sum for authorship and purchases for the use of the Colony 100 copies on conditions that the work is to be sold at a moderate cost to the public.

The author's duties are confined to the production of the MSS. and correction of the press; he has no share of profit of sale. The publisher pays all costs except authorship, and makes what profit he can out of the sale of all copies not pre-empted by the Government. It need not be added that the Government, by pre-empting copies may reduce the cost of the work to the public to a nominal sum.

(Signed) J. D. Hooker.

The Camp, Sunningdale.

Sept. 7, 1887.



COPY.

Government House, Singapore.

January 31, 1888.

My dear Professor Dyer,

Just a hurried line to say that the terms on which our Flora is to be brought out are agreed upon. Please so inform Sir J. Hooker with my compliments and thanks.

Dr. King will be similarly informed. We shall give him an honorarium of £500..

I will write more fully by next mail.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Cecil C. Smith.



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Colonial Office, Downing Street.

31 May, 1888.

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Knutsford to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Straits Settlements, regarding the publication of a work on the Flora of the Colony and Malay Peninsula, and to inform you that the steps taken by the Governor in connection with this book have received his Lordship's approval.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) Robert G. W. Herbert.

The Director  
of the Royal Botanic Gardens,

Kew.



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Sir C. C. Smith to Lord Knutsford.

Straits Settlements.

No. 172.

Government House, Singapore,

30th April, 1888.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report to your Lordship that, with the concurrence of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, I have arranged for the publication of a work on the Flora of the Straits Settlements and Malay Peninsula. It will be brought <sup>out</sup> under the Editorship of Dr. King, Superintendent of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Calcutta, with the assistance of Sir Joseph Hooker.

2. The cost of bringing out the work is estimated at £1550. one thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, which will be spread over 4 or 5 years. Of this sum the Colony will pay one-half and the remainder will be paid by Perak and Selangor in the proportion of  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  respectively.

3. I propose to include in the estimates for next year and in each following year for three or four years, the sum of one thousand dollars which will be funded to meet the charges as they occur.



4. I trust that your Lordship will approve of my  
action in regard to this interesting work, which should be  
specially valuable in promoting a knowledge of the  
indigenous economic products of this part of the world.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) Cecil C. Smith.

The Rt. Hon.

The Lord Knutsford, G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,

Colonial Office.



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